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EARTHQUAKE IN MIDDLE WEST

STATES OF INDIANA, MICHIGAN,
WISCONSIN AND IOWA
SHAKEN.

DAMAGE OF MINOR NATURE

SKYSCRAPERS SWAYED AND
ROCKED CAUSING PANIC
AMONG OCCUPANTS.

RECORDED AT WASHINGTON

DISTURBANCE LASTED ABOUT A
MINUTE ACCORDING TO U.
S. WEATHER BUREAU.

Chicago, May 26.—A light earthquake lasting only a few seconds was felt in the states of Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa and contiguous territory beginning at 9:41:30 o'clock this morning. Throughout the territory affected the only damage reported was of a minor nature. Several small fires were started by the overturning of stoves and many chimneys fell.

Aurora, Ill., is said to have suffered particularly in this respect. In this city the shock was generally felt but it was attributed to blasting or similar causes. It was not until the newspapers made their appearance that the public learned it had passed through a phenomenon of nature. The damage here as elsewhere was confined to the breaking of dishes and ornaments shaken from mantels or tables. During the period of vibration it almost was impossible to get correct telephonic connections owing to the swaying of the wires, damp from last night's rain against each other.

At Beloit, Wis., all the college buildings rocked violently and people experienced great difficulty in remaining on their feet.

Buildings Rocked at Dubuque.

Dubuque, Iowa, May 26.—The earthquake shock here this morning caused tall buildings to tremble. The occupants rushed into the streets in terror. Bank and insurance buildings, substantial skyscraper structures, were shaken violently. Several hundred occupants made a hurried exit, choking the stairways in their haste to escape. In the large manufacturing plants there were panics when the machinery rattled and boxes and crates fell. The local weather forecaster says there were two distinct seismic disturbances moving from north to south. Reports from the residence districts emphasize the severity of the shock.

Recorded at Washington.

Washington, May 26.—A slight disturbance lasting about one minute was recorded on the seismograph at the weather bureau today, beginning at 9:41:30 eastern time. There was not enough detail in the record to indicate the exact location of the disturbance.

HOT FIGHT FOR COURT HEADQUARTERS

As announced in The Optic yesterday, Chief Justice William J. McPherson has called a special session of the supreme court at Santa Fe on June 11, to redistrict New Mexico and assign the judges to different districts. It is now thought that no changes will be made in assignment of judges as at present and that the session will merely assign a district to Judge M. C. Mechem, who is likely to go to Socorro, and Judge A. W. Cooley who may go to Alamogordo.

It is very likely that Curry county will be detached from the Roswell district and added to the Alamogordo district, and Torrance county detached from the Alamogordo district

to be added to the Santa Fe district. The business of the Roswell district has grown so tremendously that its area must be decreased. The new candidates for headquarters of the district court are Socorro, Raton, Silver City and Tucuman, but the real contest lies between Socorro and Raton.

CENSUS DIRECTOR NORTH QUITS WHILE UNDER FIRE.

Washington, May 26.—S. N. North, director of the census, today tendered his resignation and it was accepted by President Taft. E. Dana Durand, deputy commissioner of corporations, has been nominated to succeed North. North's resignation was the direct result of his recent controversy with Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel.

RIO GRANDE BECOMES A RAGING TORRENT.

El Paso, Texas, May 26.—The Rio Grande is the highest in its history and villages and farms in the lower valley are seriously threatened. The unprecedented snowfall last winter in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado is now melting and swelling the stream so rapidly that many irrigation canals are in danger from inroads of the river.

FOUR DROWN WHEN GASOLINE LAUNCH CAPSIZES.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 26.—Four persons were drowned and four others rescued from a capsized gasoline launch which was carried through the sluice gate of the Grand Rapids power company here last night and dashed to pieces on the rocks below.

FORCED TO DISARM A CALHOUN WITNESS

San Francisco, May 26.—Harry Lorenz, one of the witnesses for the defense in the Calhoun bribery trial, was placed under arrest today as soon as he entered the court room. He was searched by the police and a revolver of large calibre was found concealed on his person. He was charged with carrying concealed weapons. Lorenz, who gained renown as the "Banjo Eyed Kid," while on the witness stand engaged in a series of clashes with Prosecutor Heney. He said he was a clerk in the employ of Luther Brown at a salary of \$250 a month. His duties included clipping newspaper articles and other work of a similar character. He admitted that he spent considerable time investigating the affairs of Heney and had also "done politics," having investigated Gallagher and other supervisors. He stoutly denied that he had interviewed prospective jurors in the graft cases. He stated he had directed an assistant to follow Gallagher, the chief witness for the prosecution.

ELKS HOLD WELL ATTENDED MEETING

Las Vegas Lodge No. 408, B. P. O. E., held an interesting meeting at O. R. C. hall last night. Several applications for membership came up for ballot and one candidate, Maurice Bendix, was initiated into the mysteries of Elksdom.

The local lodge will be well represented at the annual reunion and convention at Los Angeles in July and already about twenty-five members have signified their intention of making the trip to the coast.

It is not unlikely that in the near future definite steps will be taken towards the erection of a handsome Elks club house by the local herd.

At the close of last night's meeting, Past Exalted Ruler A. C. Erb was presented with a beautiful past exalted ruler's jewel as a mark of appreciation for his conscientious and hard work in the interests of the lodge during the year just passed. Brother Geo. H. Hunker made a happy presentation speech on behalf on the lodge.

The spirit of good feeling and good there spirit now evidenced among East Las Vegas Elks augurs well for the lodge and is certain to be productive of good results.

KING'S HORSE CAPTURES DERBY

FINISHES FIRST IN BLUE RIBBON
EVENT OF ENGLISH RACING
SEASON.

VICTORY A POPULAR ONE

FIRST TIME IN HISTORY REIGNING
MONARCH'S ENTRY HAS
WON BIG PURSE.

STAKE WORTH A FORTUNE

THE FAVORITE, SIR MARTIN, AN
AMERICAN HORSE, VICTIM
OF ACCIDENT.

Epsom, Eng., May 26.—The Derby Stakes, worth 6,500 sovereigns, for colts and fillies foaled in 1906, the Blue Ribbon event of the English racing season, was won today by Minoro, owned by King Edward. W. Raphael's Louviers was second and William the Fourth third. Fifteen horses ran. The distance was a mile and a half.

The victory of His Majesty's horse was exceedingly popular with the mammoth crowd which witnessed the event and was greeted by a wild outburst of enthusiasm. Minoro's victory was the first Derby won by a horse belonging to the reigning monarch and the great crowd burst through the cordon of police and almost mobbed King Edward, when he, following the time honored custom, as the owner of Minoro, he led the champion into the paddock.

Sir Martin, an American horse, was the favorite and half a million dollars was wagered on him, but he fell in the stretch and lost the race, which he had all but won. He was going strong in the running and was well up among the leaders when he came to grief. Rounding Tattenham corner he was crowded by the other horses crossed his legs and fell. Jockey Martin was thrown heavily and somewhat bruised. He was picked up and brought in by two track officials. Sir Martin was uninjured.

STRIKING ENGINEERS YIELDED TO SENTIMENT

Atlanta, Ga., May 26.—New facts bearing on the race issue involved in the strike of firemen on the Georgia railroad came to light today. The engineers have tied up this road by refusing to take out trains, claiming they feared danger from stone throwing. An investigation proves that reported instances of attacks of this kind were pure fabrications. Instead of stone throwing personal friends of the engineers at different stations pleaded with them to force the race issue by refusing to run trains on which white firemen had been replaced by negroes. The engineers were given to understand it might be dangerous to continue such runs. It is learned authoritatively that the strikers are willing to take out trains drawing the mails. Another heavy blow was dealt transportation today by heavy rains which put automobile and wagon trains out of commission.

ILLINOIS SENATORIAL DEADLOCK BROKEN; LORIMER IS ELECTED

Springfield, Ill., May 26.—After being deadlocked for weeks on the selection of a United States senator to succeed Albert J. Hopkins, the state legislature succeeded in breaking the combination this afternoon on the ninety-fifth ballot by electing Congressman William Lorimer, of Chicago, representing the Sixth con-

ANARCHISTS BECOMING ACTIVE

SECRET SERVICE MAINTAINING
CLOSE WATCH ON EMMA
GOLDMAN.

POLICE ARE ON THE ALERT

FEMALE AGITATOR REFUSED
PERMISSION TO SPEAK IN
PUBLIC.

APARTMENTS UNDER GUARD

NEW YORK OFFICERS ARE TAKING
NO CHANCES WITH DAN-
GEROUS WOMAN.

New York, May 26.—A close espionage of Emma Goldman is being maintained by the U. S. secret service and eastern police leads to the belief that they anticipate some unusual activity on the part of the anarchists. The city council of East Orange, N. J., refused her permission to speak there after she already paid the rent for a hall. In New York the police are constantly on guard at her apartments to inspect all callers and if possible intercept any messages. Before she speaks publicly at any time she is warned by the police and men from the district attorney's office.

ANTI-JAPANESE FEELING DEPLORED

Denver, May 26.—That the "despised" Japanese resident of the west is a better Christian than one who seeks to keep him out of the school and the country was intimated by Dr. W. A. Halsey of New York, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions in his address, following a report of the board before the Presbyterian general assembly this morning. He asked for \$10,000 from the assembly to add to a like amount raised by the Japanese of the west for evangelizing their people. The report of the board indicated there were half a million heathens in the world who never had heard of the Bible. Dr. Geo. Stewart, president of the Auburn Theological School, presented a report for the educational committee. He said there was need of better religious influence in the home.

LAS VEGAS TRANSIT COMPANY INCORPORATES

The Las Vegas Transit company, with headquarters at Denver and New Mexico offices in this city, yesterday filed incorporation papers at Santa Fe with the territorial secretary. The capitalization is \$150,000 divided into 1,500 shares. The incorporators and directors are: Harry Kelley and Secundino Romero, of Las Vegas, James R. Thorpe, Orin S. Moore and William A. Moore, of Denver.

Papers were also filed in the office of Territorial Secretary Jaffa, by the Las Vegas Light and Power company, capitalized at \$300,000, divided into

3,000 shares, with headquarters at Denver and New Mexico offices at East Las Vegas. The incorporators and directors are J. M. Cunningham and William G. Haydon of Las Vegas, and William S. Hitt, James R. Thorpe and Charles K. Durbin, of Denver.

J. PORTER JONES NEW DEPUTY OIL INSPECTOR.

J. Porter Jones, of Albuquerque, who was clerk in the upper body of the recent legislative assembly, has been appointed a deputy coal oil inspector with headquarters at El Paso, Texas. Mr. Jones has left for his headquarters in the Pass city.

The appointment was made by Inspector Thomas S. Hubbell, of Albuquerque, in order that this department might be able to look after large shipments of oil which are daily coming into the territory by way of El Paso, and which often escape the attention of the inspectors who are located a long distance from the point of entry.

HUMANE SOCIETY HAS IT IN FOR ROOSEVELT.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 26.—Because Col. Theodore Roosevelt is at present engaged in killing wild animals in Africa, the Michigan convention of the humane societies in session here rejected by an overwhelming vote a resolution to thank the former president for his aid in protecting Michigan birds. During Roosevelt's administration certain islands were set aside as "protected" districts.

TO GROW JAPANESE BAMBOO IN SOUTHWEST

Chicago, May 26.—Japanese bamboo is to be grown in America. Fifty tons of trees raised in Japan have been shipped to Yuma, Arizona, to the governmental experiment farm there. They will be set out immediately. This is the beginning and should the growing of this valuable product prove profitable there, it will mean a great deal to the arid regions of the great southwest. The use of bamboo is gradually increasing and with its utilization in aeroplanes and flying machines its value will be greatly enhanced.

TRAINMEN CONDEMN IMMIGRATION LAWS

Columbus, Ohio, May 26.—Condemnation of the immigration laws was expressed by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in resolutions adopted yesterday. The meeting also called for the exclusion from the country of other undesirable alien classes. It was decided to ask congress and the various legislatures to standardize safety appliances, running boards, side holds and other equipment of freight cars to avoid present troubles and dangers resulting from varied equipment. Robert McIntyre of Oakland, Cal., was elected fifth vice president of the organization.

RECORD AUTOMOBILE RUN FROM HERE TO DENVER.

Earl W. Mays, of Santa Fe, proprietor of a garage in the Capital will leave early tomorrow morning in a Ford touring car for Denver, in an attempt to establish a record between this city and Colorado's capital. Barring accidents, Mays expects to make the trip in twenty-four hours. The distance is 330 miles by road. He is anxious to take a man along with him and any Las Vegas who would like the novelty of such a trip should call on Mays this evening at the local garage.

DARKNESS CAUSES SMALL WRECK NORTH OF SPRINGER

Raton, N. M., May 26.—On Saturday night last Engineer Peterson, on the 908 ran into the rear end of one of the 34 trains this side of Springer, damaging his engine somewhat and wrecking the caboose struck. No one was seriously hurt and the dark and foggy night accounts for the accident.

DIVORCE SUIT OCCUPIES COURT

ARGUMENTS HEARD IN CASE OF
ALEXANDER MACKENZIE VS.
ANTHA MACKENZIE.

DEFENDANT WANTS ALIMONY

PLAINTIFF DETERMINED NOT TO
PAY WIFE A CENT IF HE
CAN AVOID IT.

MAKES NASTY CHARGES

ASKS PERMISSION TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL BILL ALLEGING
ADULTERY ON HER PART.

In the divorce proceedings brought by Alexander MacKenzie vs. Antha MacKenzie, argument was heard in the district court this morning upon the motion of the defendant for temporary alimony and attorney's fees.

The plaintiff had alleged in his complaint as grounds for the suit for divorce that the defendant had deserted him and still continued in such desertion. Today he asked permission to file a supplemental bill of complaint, alleging adultery on the part of the defendant, and submitted for the consideration of the court affidavits of the chief of police of Denver, and the proprietor of a hotel in the city of Denver, stating that his wife was now in Denver, in company with a man named H. C. Kelly, and that she had stated that she was divorced from MacKenzie and had married Kelly.

The court took the matter of allowance of attorney's fees and alimony to the defendant, under advisement, until he could procure further evidence as to the alleged misconduct of the defendant.

The case of the Territory vs. Juan Jose Maestas was being tried by jury in the district court this afternoon. Maestas was indicted for destroying a dam and reservoir supplying an acequia, taking water out of the Rio Manueltas, near the town of Rociada.

The case of the Territory vs. Joseph Gentry, in which the defendant was charged before the justice of the peace of Precinct No. 53 with assaulting with words a female named Edwigen B. de Romero, the case was dismissed by the court on application of E. V. Long, attorney for Gentry, who appealed the case from the justice.

GRADUATION EXERCISES AT NORMAL TONIGHT

The annual commencement exercises of the Normal University, this city's higher institution of learning, will take place in the auditorium of the university this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. A most interesting program has been arranged for the occasion. Tonight's exercises mark the closing of the commencement exercises at this institution. The program for tonight follows:

Program.
"Wynken, Blynken and Nod"..... Nevil
Misses Cunningham, Healy, Tipton and Mrs. Northrup.
"The Wanderer"..... Schubert
Miss Tipton.
"Since First I Met Thee"..... Rubinstein
Misses Marie and Helen Schaefer, Lorenzen and Hartman
Baccalaureate..... Dr. A. E. Winslow
"That the Chimney Sang"..... Mrs. Northrup
Presentation of Diplomas.....
..... Dr. B. S. G. von
"My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice"..... Saint Saens
Misses Cunningham and Tipton and Mrs. Northrup.